

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0608

Title: State-tribal government-to-government relationship

Primary Sponsor: Windy Boy, J

Status: As Amended - Second Reading in Senate

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	FY 2004 Difference	FY 2005 Difference
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. As amended, the annual meeting would be held in Helena or another mutually agreed upon site.
2. The training sessions will take on average 2-1/2 days.
3. Agencies will absorb the additional operating costs in authorized budgets. Additional statewide expenses that are anticipated to be absorbed annually amount to \$16,920 in general fund, \$1,190 in state special funds, and \$10,574 in federal funds.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. It is unclear who would be responsible for paying the trainer called for in Section 3(1) of the bill.
2. Section 3(2)(a) establishes annual meetings to review policies that are proposed for adoption by agencies. If the term "policies" includes administrative rules, then adoption of administrative rules pursuant to the Montana Administrative Procedures Act may be delayed to coincide with the prescribed annual meetings. This may pose conflicts with time frames established for completing rulemaking identified in 2-4-302(3), MCA.

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3. The training envisioned for the Veterans' Service Officers could be accomplished by the reservations providing the training to the officers during their scheduled veteran support visits on the reservation. In this manner, the service officers would be able to both service Native American veterans and receive the training, be it the same day or over a two-day period, thus saving travel money and maximizing productivity. Based upon seven Veterans' Service Officers having a requirement to attend the training, potentially 21 days of work productivity servicing veterans will be lost. Based upon one DES employee attending required training, other duties would be delayed.
4. Mileage or other transportation costs could be lessened if agencies involved are able to coordinate travel plans.
5. In July of each year, the Montana University System submits an Annual Diversity Report to the Board of Regents that includes information on agreements, grants, and activities the MUS campuses have with the tribal colleges and tribes.
6. Although this bill is similar in scope and nature to the Native American Advisory Council, the relationship is significantly different. This bill requires the state government's relationship to be with the tribal government, which is a separate entity from the council.